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## AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of August 17, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response to which has been extended to December 18, 2006 (the first business day following December 17, 2006), and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A list of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Exhibits 1 and 2 are attached to the end of this paper.